#### **COUNTY PROFILE**

# Waseca Co.

Waseca Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 9, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.

## **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

Waseca Co.'s population decreased this decade, ranking as the 55th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 50th largest in the state. Waseca Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	18,968 people
Population change,	
2010-2020	-0.9% decline

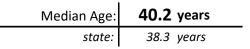
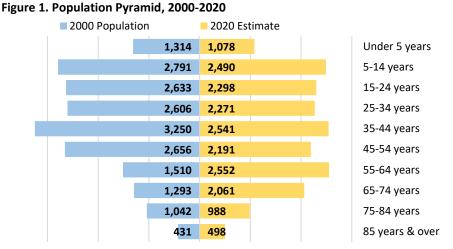


Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2020 Number **Percent** Under 5 years 1,078 5.7% 5-14 years 2,490 13.1% 2,298 12.1% 15-24 years 25-34 years 2.271 12.0% 35-44 years 2,541 13.4% 45-54 years 2,191 11.6% 55-64 years 2,552 13.5% 65-74 years 2,061 10.9% 75-84 years 988 5.2% 85 years & over 498 2.6% **Total Population** 18,968 100.0% Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates



Waseca Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Waseca Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019								
	Total	April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019						
	Population	Natural	Vital Events		Vital Events Net Migration			
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Waseca Co.	-526	435	1,964	1,529	-965	1	-966	
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

2019

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population,

Compared to the state, Waseca Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2019, Waseca Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Wase	ca Co.	Change 2	010-2019	Minnesota		
Population, 2019	Number	Percent	Number Percent		Percent <i>Change</i>		
Foreign-born Population	672	3.6%	184	37.7%	8.5%	28.9%	
Europe	52	7.7%	26	100.0%	9.9%	4.5%	
Asia	100	14.9%	0	0.0%	37.5%	30.3%	
Africa	107	15.9%	107	#DIV/0!	25.5%	72.0%	
Oceania	0	0.0%	-19	-100.0%	0.5%	37.2%	
Americas:	413	61.5%	70	20.4%	26.6%	10.0%	
Latin America	395	58.8%	55	16.2%	24.1%	12.2%	
Northern America	18	2.7%	15	500.0%	2.5%	-7.7%	

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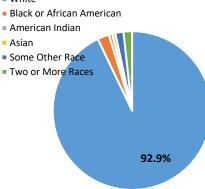
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Waseca Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019

- White

- Asian
- Two or More Races



		Waseca Co	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	Percent	Change from 2000-2019
Total	18,740	100.0%	-4.0%	100.0%	13.1%
White	17,409	92.9%	-5.8%	82.8%	4.7%
Black or African American	444	2.4%	0.7%	6.4%	107.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	131	0.7%	12.9%	1.0%	5.5%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	117	0.6%	21.9%	4.9%	87.8%
Some Other Race	314	1.7%	24.6%	1.9%	58.1%
Two or More Races	325	1.7%	133.8%	3.0%	99.9%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,124	6.0%	98.6%	5.4%	108.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

#### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Waseca Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2023 to 2033, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.6%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033							
	2023	2023 2033 <i>Numerio</i>					
Waseca Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change			
Under 5 years	1,035	980	-55	-5.3%			
5-14 years	2,344	2,203	-141	-6.0%			
15-24 years	2,362	2,101	-261	-11.0%			
25-34 years	2,183	2,392	209	9.6%			
35-44 years	2,255	1,916	-339	-15.0%			
45-54 years	2,096	1,912	-184	-8.8%			
55-64 years	2,197	1,717	-480	-21.8%			
65-74 years	2,201	1,843	-358	-16.3%			
75-84 years	1,158	1,658	500	43.2%			
85 years & over	482	553	71	14.7%			
Total Population	18,313	17,275	-1,038	-5.7%			

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2023-

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Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

## **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

Waseca Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Waseca Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

91.8%

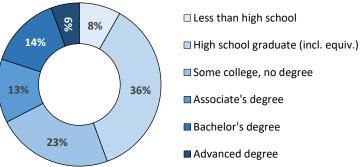
state:

55.5% **13**% 67.1%

Associate's Degree: 12.6% Bachelor's Degree: 14.3% Advanced Degree: 5.6%

College-educated:

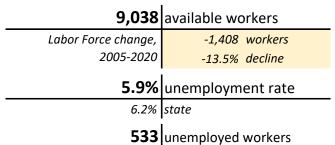
Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2019

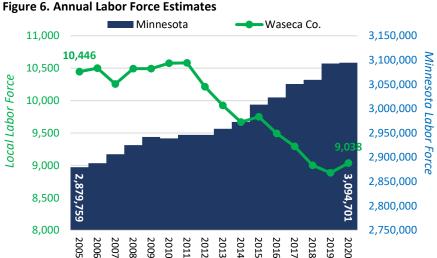


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 5.9%, Waseca Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Waseca Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 4% in 2019, but was lower than the 7.5% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Waseca Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2010.





Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

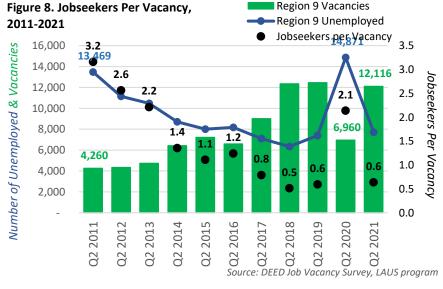
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 105.7 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Waseca Co. averaged an annual loss of -3.8 fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of -153.9 fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Waseca Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2023 to 2033 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2020 1,000 Average of 106 Average of -4 Average of -154 new workers per year fewer workers per year fewer workers per year Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 800 600 400 200 0 -200 -400 -600 2018-201% 2012-2014 2011-20114 2010-2010 A 2009-2010 DED 2008-2008-2008 2013-201 2016-201 1990-1991 1992-1993 2000-2001 2005-2006 2015-201 1991-1992 1993-199 2002-2003 2003-2004 2004-2005 2006-2007 2007-2008 2014-201 2019-2020 1994-1995 1995-1996 1996-1997 1997-1998 1998-1999 1999-2000

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection				
Projections, 2023-2033	2023	2033			
16 to 24 years	1,516	1,359			
25 to 54 years	5,299	5,043			
55 to 64 years	1,587	1,241			
65 years & over	779	712			
Total Labor Force	9,181	8,355			

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, by the second quarter of 2021, job vacancies in Southwest reached new highs, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).

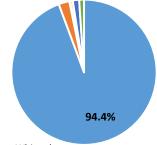


## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Waseca Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Waseca Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2	2019						
	W	/aseca Co.		Minne	esota	Wased	ca Co.
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	9,700	64.7%	3.9%	69.7%	3.6%	5,170	4,534
16 to 19 years	566	53.8%	11.7%	53.2%	11.0%	264	302
20 to 24 years	892	86.9%	6.6%	84.6%	6.0%	397	495
25 to 44 years	3,876	80.7%	5.4%	88.8%	3.2%	2,176	1,700
45 to 54 years	1,855	82.0%	0.8%	87.6%	2.7%	966	889
55 to 64 years	1,871	72.3%	1.7%	73.0%	2.8%	954	916
65 to 74 years	542	30.1%	0.6%	27.9%	2.2%	342	199
75 years & over	104	7.1%	1.9%	6.6%	2.4%	71	33
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp;</b>	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force by
White alone	9,153	65.4%	3.0%	69.3%	3.0%	Race, 2019	<del>-</del>
Black or African American	233	63.7%	12.9%	71.3%	8.8%		.411
American Indian & Alaska Native	18	14.9%	0.0%	58.9%	12.6%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	55	63.2%	0.0%	71.2%	4.3%		
Some Other Race	138	55.6%	29.7%	77.7%	6.1%		\
Two or More Races	104	59.1%	31.7%	73.6%	7.4%		
Hispanic or Latino	456	55.7%	20.6%	76.5%	6.1%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disabil</b>	ity						
With Any Disability	361	47.5%	13.6%	53.0%	8.6%		94.4%
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educat</b>	ional Attainment						
Population, 25 to 64 years	7,599	78.7%	3.3%	84.5%	3.0%	White al	
Less than H.S. Diploma	283	46.9%	5.1%	66.3%	4.2%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	2,453	76.0%	1.9%	78.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alaska Nat
Some College or Assoc. Degree	3,051	80.9%	2.0%	85.3%	3.0%		Other Pac. Islanders
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,816	88.4%	1.4%	90.0%	1.7%	Some Of	ther Race

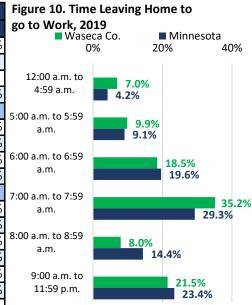
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates



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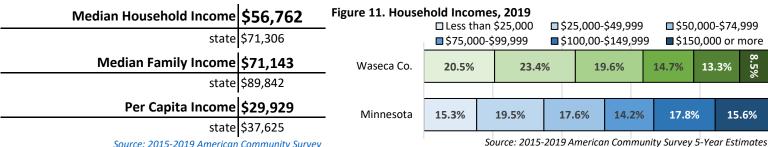
A smaller percentage of workers in Waseca Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Waseca Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	Waseca	Co.	Minne	esota	
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Worked in state of residence	9,078	99.0%	2,837,697	97.6%	
Worked in county of residence	4,906	53.5%	1,846,247	63.5%	
Worked out of county of residence	4,172	45.5%	991,449	34.1%	
Worked outside state of residence	92	1.0%	69,779	2.4%	
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					
Car, truck, or van	8,354	91.1%	2,506,244	86.2%	
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	28	0.3%	101,762	3.5%	
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	348	3.8%	125,021	4.3%	
Worked at home	440	4.8%	171,541	5.9%	
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					
Less than 10 minutes	2,421	26.5%	456,474	15.7%	
10 to 19 minutes	2,476	27.1%	872,243	30.0%	
20 to 29 minutes	1,898	20.7%	645,460	22.2%	
30 to 44 minutes	1,412	15.4%	575,680	19.8%	
45 to 59 minutes	449	4.9%	194,801	6.7%	
60 or more minutes	495	5.4%	162,819	5.6%	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.2	minutes	23.7 minutes		



## **INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Waseca Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Waseca Co. had the 50th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Waseca Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.77 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.13 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

able 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020									
Single Yearly Hourly Wage					Monthly Costs				
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Waseca Co.	\$28,643	\$13.77	\$0	\$354	\$163	\$549	\$752	\$247	\$322
State of Minnesota	\$32,964	\$15.85	\$0	\$355	\$153	\$832	\$704	\$325	\$378
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	<b>Nonthly Co</b>	sts		
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living	, ,	Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Cilia Care	roou	Care	Housing	portation	Other	Taxes
Waseca Co.	\$47,192	\$15.13	\$243	\$809	\$519	\$723	\$878	\$419	\$342
State of Minnesota	\$58,800	\$18.85	\$546	\$810	\$549	\$1,069	\$819	\$515	\$592

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Waseca Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 50th highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Waseca Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Waseca	Co.	Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2019	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	5,755	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	294	5.1%	4.6%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	988	17.2%	7.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,360	23.6%	12.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,072	18.6%	17.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,394	24.2%	28.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	512	8.9%	21.5%
\$500,000 or more	135	2.3%	7.9%
Median (dollars)	\$158,9	000	\$223,900

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

0% 20% 30% 10% Waseca Co. ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 4.8% 10.2% 2000 to 2009 14.1% 1980 to 1999 26.3% 26.3% 1960 to 1979 24.4% 14.5% 1940 to 1959 14.3%

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Percentage of Income, 2019

16.4%

40.7%

15.2%

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2019

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage state \$1,580

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

1939 or earlier

Median monthly rent costs \$669

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state 4<u>5.1</u>%

Less than 20% 25.0% to 29.9%

4.9%

**12.0**%

20% to 24.9% 30.0% to 34.9%

8.8% 51.6%

26.2%

16.2%

mortgage

23.5%

10.2%

rent

■ 35% or more

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

## **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$19.76 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 9 than the state. Overall, Region 9 had the 8th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$43.81) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.37) (see Table 11).

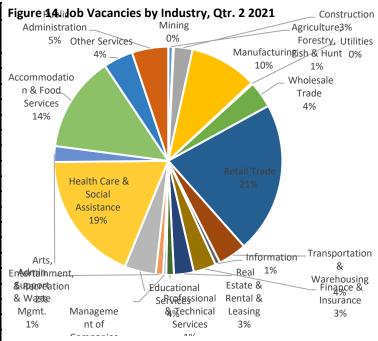
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 20	Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2021						
		Regio	n 9		Stat	te of Minnes	sota
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$19.76	99,840	100.0%	1.0	\$23.00	2,708,760	100.0%
Management	\$43.81	4,550	4.6%	0.8	\$54.22	164,530	6.1%
Business & Financial Operations	\$30.03	3,250	3.3%	0.5	\$35.24	179,670	6.6%
Computer & Mathematical	\$32.25	1,110	1.1%	0.3	\$44.89	98,240	3.6%
Architecture & Engineering	\$32.85	1,770	1.8%	0.9	\$38.90	54,880	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$30.99	970	1.0%	1.0	\$35.48	26,120	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$23.74	2,650	2.7%	1.3	\$24.21	55,630	2.1%
Legal	\$28.79	410	0.4%	0.6	\$41.02	19,760	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$23.19	8,770	8.8%	1.5	\$24.64	159,060	5.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$19.33	1,120	1.1%	0.8	\$25.72	36,260	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$33.93	5,520	5.5%	0.8	\$36.90	188,210	6.9%
Healthcare Support	\$15.59	6,000	6.0%	1.0	\$15.52	157,140	5.8%
Protective Service	\$21.49	1,420	1.4%	0.9	\$24.18	42,520	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$12.37	8,890	8.9%	1.2	\$13.34	195,120	7.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$15.47	2,800	2.8%	1.0	\$16.14	74,550	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$13.62	2,060	2.1%	1.1	\$14.57	51,660	1.9%
Sales & Related	\$15.28	8,640	8.7%	0.9	\$16.83	250,430	9.2%
Office & Administrative Support	\$19.31	12,340	12.4%	1.0	\$20.93	338,050	12.5%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$17.69	420	0.4%	2.7	\$18.14	4,230	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	\$26.49	3,620	3.6%	1.0	\$29.84	102,390	3.8%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$23.98	4,250	4.3%	1.2	\$25.45	98,840	3.6%
Production	\$19.31	10,510	10.5%	1.4	\$19.82	202,240	7.5%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$18.43	8,780	8.8%	1.1	\$18.83	209,210	7.7%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

## **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Waseca Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region. There were 12116 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2021, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 2 2021							
	Number of						
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer					
Total, All Occupations	12,116	\$15.03					
Management	238						
Business & Financial Operations	406	•					
Computer & Mathematical	48	7-0:-0					
Architecture & Engineering	86						
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	14	7					
Community & Social Service	111						
Education, Training & Library	257						
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,050						
Healthcare Support	1,618						
Protective Service	141						
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,080						
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	328	\$14.86					
Personal Care & Service	246						
Sales & Related	1,549	\$13.27					
Office & Administrative Support	637	7					
Construction & Extraction	142	\$21.47					
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	531	7					
Production	843	,					
Transportation & Material Moving	1,316	\$17.09					



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2021

## **OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

Table 13. Southwest Occupations in Demand, 2020						
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher			
Home Health and Personal	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	Elementary School Teachers,			
Care Aides	Nuising Assistants	Registered Nurses	Except Special Education			
\$28,035	\$30,933	\$68,952	\$52,103			
Retail Salespersons	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	Police and Sheriff?s Patrol	Physicians, All Other; and			
Netali Salespersoris	Nurses	Officers	Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric			
\$27,105	\$46,278	\$58,679	NA			
First-Line Supervisors of	Automotive Service Technicians and	Electrical and Electronic	Financial Managers			
Retail Sales Workers	Mechanics	Engineering Technologists and				
\$41,484	\$35,447	\$60,317	\$99,935			
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records	Civil Engineering Technologists	Civil Engineers			
Truck Drivers	Specialists, and Health Technologists and	and Technicians				
\$45,441	\$41,022	\$62,577	\$86,311			
Janitors and Cleaners,	Heating, Air Conditioning, and	Diagnostic Medical	General and Operations Managers			
Except Maids and	Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	Sonographers				
\$28,667	\$47,376	\$78,847	\$74,397			
Teaching Assistants, Except	Medical Assistants	Clinical Laboratory Technologists	Physician Assistants			
Postsecondary		and Technicians	•			
\$28,887	\$39,512	\$56,251	\$117,551			
Laborers and Freight, Stock,	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Radiologic Technologists and	Secondary School Teachers, Except			
and Material Movers, Hand	•	Technicians	Special and Career/Technical			
\$33,694	\$49,897	\$62,640	\$55,202			
Secretaries and	Emergency Medical Technicians and	Industrial Engineering	Middle School Teachers, Except			
Administrative Assistants,	Paramedics	Technologists and Technicians	Special and Career/Technical			
\$39,529	\$34,822	\$50,238	\$54,152			
Stockers and Order Fillers	Electricians	Mechanical Engineering	Electrical Engineers			
		Technologists and Technicians				
\$28,316	\$58,008	\$45,140	\$87,297			
Office Clerks, General	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool	Physical Therapist Assistants	Construction Managers			
	Programmers					
\$35,222	\$62,213	\$51,326	\$87,171			

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Waseca Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 0.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Pr	ojections, 2018	-2028	
Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2018	Projected Employ- ment 2028	Percent Change 2018-2028
Total, All Industries	206,422	209,790	1.6%
Natural Resources & Mining	5,776	6,171	6.8%
Utilities	744	697	-6.3%
Construction	7,858	8,687	10.5%
Manufacturing	31,188	31,071	-0.4%
Wholesale Trade	8,530	7,993	-6.3%
Retail Trade	19,926	19,533	-2.0%
Transportation & Warehousing	7,465	7,898	5.8%
Information	2,549	2,364	-7.3%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,693	7,584	-1.4%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,663	6,191	9.3%
Administrative & Waste Services	4,076	4,874	19.6%
Educational Services	17,510	17,483	-0.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	30,568	32,922	7.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	14,593	14,825	1.6%
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	7,423	7,058	-4.9%
Public Administration	12,956	12,681	-2.1%

Source: DEED 2018-2028 Employment Outlook

# Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2018-2028

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Management	-86	8,858	
Business & Financial	311	<b>1</b> ,746	
Computer & Mathematical	86	373	
Architecture & Engineering	76	667	
Life, Physical, & Social	78	<b>1</b> 282	
Community & Social Service	120	<b>1</b> ,981	
Legal	39	193	
Education, Training, & Library	147	5,374	
Arts, Design, Entertainment	-51	<b>1</b> ,190	
Healthcare Practitioners &	870	<b>2,9</b> 66	
Healthcare Support	424	<b>3,4</b> 75	
Protective Service	-62	<b>9</b> 95	
Food Preparation & Serving	404	10,459	
Building, Grounds Cleaning	371	3,852	
Personal Care & Service	651		
Sales & Related		3 <sub>10,448</sub>	
Office & Administrative	1,267	12,390	
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	202	<b>1</b> ,576	
Construction & Extraction	716	<b>2,8</b> 81	
Installation, Maintenance,	452		
Production	-370	,	
Transportation & Material	630	7,193	

## **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Waseca Co. had the 51st largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Waseca Co. was the 22nd fastest growing in the past year and the 82nd fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Waseca Co. cut jobs, but lagged the state.

540 business establishments \$46,108 annual average wage

5,798 jobs \$267,333,590 total industry payroll

Job change, 2015-2020 -12.6% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2020

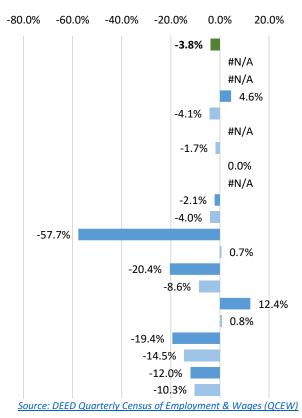


2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Waseca Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2020	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	5,798	100.0%	\$46,108
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	319	5.5%	\$55,508
Manufacturing	1,048	18.1%	\$60,709
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	169	2.9%	\$59,636
Retail Trade	545	9.4%	\$30,996
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	92	1.6%	\$53,447
Finance & Insurance	167	2.9%	\$75,170
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	11	0.2%	\$43,614
Professional & Technical Services	152	2.6%	\$56,674
Management of Companies	13	0.2%	\$43,525
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	82	1.4%	\$14,471
Educational Services	717	12.4%	\$9,693
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,175	20.3%	\$8,381
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	50	0.9%	\$13,956
Accommodation & Food Services	335	5.8%	\$13,328
Other Services	132	2.3%	\$30,246
Public Administration	523	9.0%	\$62,995

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020



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